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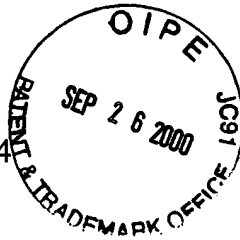
In re the application of:

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2000, the due date for which has been extended three months from June 27, 2000 to September 27, 2000 with a Petition for Extension of time attached. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Office Action and entry of the following amendment:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, immediately before line 1, insert --This is a U.S. national stage application, under 35 U.S.C. §371, of PCT/NL95/00370, which claims a priority of EP 94203205.3 filed on March 11, 1994.--

IN THE CLAIMS

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